(*b*) *Month*	*Fine oz.*.
December, 1954	... 16,259
January, 1955	... 14,397
February, 1955	... 14,623
March, 1955	... 17,033
April, 1955	... 13,496
December, 1955	... 16,840
January, 1956	... 15,217
February, 1956	... 14,421
March, 1956	... 15,893
April, 1956	... 16,272

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.–We feel that there is an appreciable fall in the production of gold when we compare the figures of production after and prior to nationalisation.

*Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The figures have been given.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—There is a difference of about 4,000 ounces of gold when we compare the figures of production for the corresponding months before and after nationalisation. What are the reasons ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The reasons are :

(1) Marked fall in the grade of ore in all the mines ;

(2) Rapid depletion of the payable reserve ore in the Mysore Mine ;

(3) Serious fire in the Champion Reef Mine resulting in sealing of the entire south zone of this mine from which nearly 60 per cent of gold of this mine was being produced ;

(4) Strike of four days in the month of January.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Is any representation given to the labourers on the Committee constituted for the management of gold mines ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—There is a Committee formed.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is there any Committee or Board to administer this Company ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—There is no Company now.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is there any Committee or Board for these mines ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—There is a Board.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Who is the Chairman ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—The Chief Minister is the Chairman.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is the marked fall in production due to the inefficient administration of these mines ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The reply has been given by the Chief Minister. He gave four reasons.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is not the fall in production due to the shortcomings of the Board ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—No.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Can you give me the date of the fire ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is irrelevant.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is there any intention to constitute a corporation to manage the gold mines ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is also irrelevant.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—May I know the total expenditure incurred during all these months ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is also irrelevant. The question refers to the production of gold in K.G.F. since nationalisation. So, supplementaries about production of gold are relevant but supplementaries about expenditure are irrelevant.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—I would like to know the total amount of expenditure incurred for the production of 16,840 ounces of gold during December 1955.

Mr. SPEAKER.– That is irrelevant.

Sri N. RACHIAH.—May I know the reasons for fall in production.

Mr. SPEAKER.—They have been given.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—Normally the question hour is over. May I know whether the Chair would extend it ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question hour actually began late. Now it is almost over.

Appointment of Judges of the High Court.

Q.—183. Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapoor).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

Whether the Central Government has been moved in the matter of

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appointing more Judges in view of the meagre strength of Judges in the High Court and the consequent stagnation in the work resulting in very great hardship to the litigant public?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

Yes.

Vacancies of Judges in Mysore High Court.

Q.—306. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Chitaldrug).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of vacancies of Judges in the High Court that are to be filled up;

(*b*) since what time these posts are vacant;

(*c*) whether they have sent any recommendations to the Central Government for filling up these posts?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The High Court of the old Mysore State has ceased to exist from 1st November 1956. The number of Judges for the new High Court has not yet been fixed.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) This cannot be disclosed in public interest.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Is it a fact that at present there is no Judge knowing Urdu?

*Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Notice.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—The Government have stated that they have moved the Central Government in the matter. May I know the names that have been recommended?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—That cannot be given.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Why not this Government give the information?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—That is because it cannot be given.

Mr. SPEAKER.—May I know whether that is of a confidential nature?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—When the Government is unwilling to give a reply it is better for them to state the reason also because it will avoid other supplementaries being put.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—May I request the Chair to come to the protection of the members and ask the Treasury Bench to give information? As this is a matter of public interest, may I request the Chair to ask the Chief Minister to give as much information as is possible?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The point is, when a reply given is of a negative character I cannot help it. Supposing the Government were to deny that they cannot give reply to such and such a question; I can only ask the Government as to why it cannot be given. I just now asked the Hon'ble the Chief Minister to state as to why he is not willing to reply. He says it is of a confidential nature. When the question is of a confidential nature, neither I nor the members have any right to compel the Government in the matter.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—Whether it is not a fact that the recommendations of the Government to the Central Government in the matter of appointment of Judges is not in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Mysore.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I have already stated that it is of a confidential nature.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ನಮ್ಮ ನಂಸ್ಥಾನ (ಬ) ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದಾಗ, ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಜಡ್ಜಿಗಳಿದ್ದರು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಆರು ಜನರಿದ್ದರು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಈಗ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರಿರಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರಿರಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟರು ನಿರ್ಣಯಿಸಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಇನ್ನೂ ನಿರ್ಣಯವಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಆಗಿರಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಬೆಂಚಿನಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರು, ಬಾರ್‌ನಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is all irrelevant. I have given you a chance. You may put only one question.

Sri B. K. PUTTARAMIAH.—Then my purpose would not be served.